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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/747,299
Filing Date	12/22/2000
First Named Inventor	Appling
Group Art Unit	2173
Examiner Name	Bonshock, Dennis G.
Attorney Docket Number	15555-0017

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may file a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on Technology Center 2100
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 07/14/2004 3DIRETA1 00000056 09747299
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) 01 FC:1601 770.00 DP
- iv. ☐ Other: _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ Checks in the amount of \$770 and \$420 are enclosed for the following fees:
- i. ☒ RCE fee (\$770) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE.
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (\$420) under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17.
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including Extension of time fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17m, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-5029

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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